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RE: JMM:JAL:am
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Hon. James M. McInerney
Assistant Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. McInerney:

I confirm our telephone conversation of July 7 regarding your letter of July 3 which, in view of the holidays, only reached me on the 7th instant. Meanwhile I have also had an opportunity to discuss the matter fully with the Director.

With regard to your first request, I beg to advise you that the two additional staff officers who attended at least one of the conferences with Mr. Davies are covert employees of this Agency and one of them is now abroad on a confidential mission.

The Director of Central Intelligence is made responsible by law for the protection of intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure. It would prejudice this Agency's operations and tend to break down the protection of its intelligence sources and methods if the identity and connections of the staff officers referred to above were publicly disclosed. Accordingly, this Agency does not wish these persons to be made available for interview which might lead to such disclosure. It is further believed by us that their testimony would not add significant additional information so far as the issues in the Davies case are concerned.

In reply to your second request, an examination of our files does not disclose any memoranda from Messrs. [REDACTED] which contain significant information in addition to what we understand

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has been covered by reports they have made to the FBI and in their committee appearances. For the reasons indicated above, we do not feel that we can appropriately open these Agency files to examination which might lead to public disclosure.

Sincerely yours,

Allen W. Dulles
Deputy Director

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